

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN GREAT DANGER.

Fire Almost Causes a Panic in a Jersey City Religious Institution.

Clergymen Rush to the Assistance of
the Scholars, Who are all
Finally Rescued.

EXCITED PARENTS MAKE A SCENE.

Flames Originate Underneath the Roof
and Are Fortunately Discovered in
Time by a Tailor Who Alarms
the Sister Superior.

The presence of mind of the Sisters in charge of St. Agnes's Academy, Grand street, between Warren and Washington streets, Jersey City, averted a panic about 1 p. m. yesterday, when a fire was discovered in the attic of that institution.

George Ruhland, a tailor, who was passing the building, noted smoke pouring from between the roof beams. He dashed into the building and informed the Sister Superior.

The studies for the afternoon were just about to be resumed. No pupils were on the top floor. The children, as Ruhland rushed into the lower class rooms, sprang from their seats. Sister Superior Thyras, who had followed, raised her hand and the scholars obediently resumed their seats. Then the Sisters assured the children that there was not the least danger.

The little ones were, however, again thrown into a momentary panic by the noise made by the fire engines as they rumbled up.

They were again reassured, however, and at a signal from the Sisters they arose from their seats and walked quietly from their class rooms, down the stairs and to the street. There they were met by a line of police, who had arrived from the First Precinct, into the playground and placed in charge of Policeman McMahon until a passage could be made for them through the large crowd that had collected.

The firemen, under Assistant Chief Demme, ran up a ladder and soon discovered the fire, which was around the woodwork of the chimney. The fire is thought to have been started by sparks from a plumber's furnace, as several workmen were upon the roof when the alarm was given. Had the alarm been sounded at night loss of life might have followed, as the children's dormitory is directly underneath the roof.

The fire occasioned considerable excitement among the parents of the day pupils, however, many of them, when they saw that the building, frantically clapping their children in their arms.

Rev. Father Finnegan, and other clergymen from St. Peter's College, when informed of the fire hastened to the academy to extend assistance. Their services were not needed, however, as the Sisters managed every detail with great bravery.

The damage done was principally by water, but will not amount to over \$200. St. Agnes's Academy is a five-story brick and stone edifice, erected in 1880, but has been considerably enlarged since then.

THE TOBACCO TRUST SUIT.
Hearing of Testimony Closed in Newark Yesterday—Final Arguments in Trenton.

Newark, N. J., April 24.—In the case of John R. Miller & Sons against the American Tobacco Company, to-day, the taking of testimony for the defense was closed. The suit now goes before the Chancery Court at Trenton for final argument on June 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Proceedings to-day opened with a lively fight between Counselors McCarter and Lindhurst over a deposition by Leopold Miller, of New York. The deposition was finally allowed as evidence.

Lawyer Fuller, for the defense, next offered in evidence a portion of the minutes of the meeting of the American Tobacco Company, held on January 22, 1890. Mr. McCarter objected, but was overruled. The portion read showed how the American Tobacco Company came into possession of the business, plant, etc., of the various concerns which comprise the company. By the evidence the company purposed to show that it had purchased these several concerns outright.

President Duke, in answer to questions as to the division of the stock assigned to W. Duke, Sons & Co., and its part value, said one-fifth went to W. Duke, one-fifth to Charles W. Watts, one-fifth to J. D. Duke, one-fifth to E. J. Duke and one-fifth to J. B. Duke.

"How was the price to be paid to W. Duke, Sons & Co.?"

"We were to receive \$2,000,000 in stock for the same, and \$1,500,000 in stock for live assets. These assets were guaranteed to be \$1,500,000 but on appraisement they were only \$500,000 short, and this amount is made good by the individual notes of the stockholders for \$100,000."

"J. B. Duke said he did not remember how it came about that the stock of the American Tobacco Company was delivered to the individual stockholders of the various concerns. Instead of to the corporation."

John R. Miller, the plaintiff, was asked who suggested that he bring the suit. He replied that the thought suggested itself to him after he had been cut off by the American Tobacco Company.

"I was told by the American Tobacco Company that if I sued them I would get my former products. I went to Vice-President Rosecrance, of the National Company, and told him I thought there was a law in New Jersey that could reach the American Tobacco Company. He said that the law was not such a big trust, and he promised to help me out. Then I went to see Mr. Kintner and Mr. Governor Abbott."

The witness said he did not pay any of the expenses of the case and added that he did not know who would pay them.

Macys' Sanitary Gifts to Charity.
Paterson, N. J., April 24.—The will of Mrs. Mary Sanitary was admitted to probate to-day. She died last week. Local charitable institutions are benefited by bequests to the amount of about \$5,000. After settling legacies of \$2,000 to the K. K. Klan, of Potomac, Pa., whose subject was "The Majesty of the Law." The second bequest goes to Little Emma, daughter of Paterson, N. J., whose theme was "A Plea for the Irish."

This Murderer Is Confident.
Paterson, N. J., April 24.—This was the day set for the hanging of Daniel Ackerman, convicted of murdering his wife, but his case has been postponed and will come up this Monday in June. Ackerman was killed the woman because of jealousy. He was very confident in his case, and in the County Jail to-day that he would secure for him a new trial, but it is believed the appeal will be decided against him.

The McKinley Fight in Jersey.

Trenton, April 24.—The recent interview with Garret A. Hobart, of Paterson, in which he told about the result of the introduction of McKinley resolutions at the meeting of the Republican State Committee on the eve of the State Convention last week, has brought to light all the facts, which Governor Oliver suggested that the platform contain a plank commending William McKinley for President to the delegates, and suggested it during a conversation with Mr. Hobart, the resolution to that effect was prepared by Major Edward Anderson, Supervisor of the State Prison, who is a member of the State Committee.

Major Anderson offered the resolution at the committee meeting. The opposition was very strong and very apparent. When a vote was taken only three of the committee supported the resolution. But before the vote was taken there was a lengthy discussion. While, as stated in the Hobart interview, Congressman Fowler and ex-Governor man John Keen opposed the resolution, the majority of the committee was adverse to any instructions being given to the delegates or even any commendation of a particular candidate. The chief speech against Anderson's resolution was made by young Congressman Pittner, of the Fourth District. Pittner is a strong "Read man. He spoke for nearly an hour, combating the idea of requesting the delegation to St. Louis to support any individual for the Presidential nomination. Not only did all the Read men unite with Pittner, but the friends of Senator Sewell took a similar view. The vote, as has already been printed, was 10 to 3 against the resolution commending McKinley.

It is quite probable that the McKinley fight will crop out in the new State Committee when it organizes. Franklin Murphy, the present chairman is for McKinley. While he has made a splendid chairman and helped pull the party through to victory last year and for two years previous, he is not liable to be re-elected. John Keen will doubtless be elected. He is understood to be sure of the support of most of the committee. The new committee, like the old, is said to be anti-McKinley in its make-up.

The anti-McKinley men declare that the boom for the McKinley candidate has already spent its force in this State. They assert that McKinley's attitude on the money question, as voted by the Ohio platform, is not relished by the gold men of the State. Howard P. Frothingham, of Lake Hopatcong, who, along with Charles J. Fisk & Sons, drew the money plank in the platform last week, believes that a majority of the delegation will be opposed to McKinley by the time the St. Louis convention meets.

Others who are against McKinley say that it is not true that four-fifths of the delegates elected are for McKinley. They claim there are not over eight or ten who are out and out for the Ohio man.

DENIES BOTH HUSBANDS.
Annie Gallagher-Hoffman Causes Merriment in Court, but Is Held for the Grand Jury.

Bayonne, N. J., April 24.—Mrs. Annie Gallagher-Hoffman, who was arrested on a charge of bigamy, was arraigned before Recorder Patrick W. Connelly, in municipal court this morning. Louis Hoffman, husband No. 2, testified that he married Annie in this city two years ago. He lived with her only three months, and then he claimed he was compelled to leave her owing to her pugilistic propensities.

"Why," asked the Judge, "does she fight?"

"Dunno, except I think she was born that way," answered Hoffman.

The witness then testified that Frank Gallagher, a man of sixty years of age, swore he was married to the prisoner in New York city fifteen years ago. He lived with her for thirteen years.

Annie denied both marriages. Gallagher was recalled and struck to his story. When he had finished Annie convulsed the auditors by remarking, "ell, ell, I married you, didn't I, chum?"

When order was restored the Recorder held Annie without bail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

RAHWAY DISEASE-STRICKEN.
Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria Have Been Caused by Bad Drainage.

Rahway, N. J., April 24.—For a long time this city has been suffering from the ravages of typhoid fever and diphtheria.

Although the city is provided with an excellent waterworks, there are many wells from which citizens derive their drinking and cooking water, and these have been said to be polluted.

A story was current to-day that the body of a man had been found floating in the city reservoir. It proved, however, to be untrue, but the excitement was great before the rumor was exploded.

About all the ice used in Rahway is cut from Hudson river less than a mile from the post office. On an elevation not more than two hundred yards from the city is a body of water called the "Hole," from which the city draws its water. This hole has been assigned the cause of the infectious diseases.

During the freshest in early March the dam at the lower end of the lake gave way. Ever since then the bottom has been exposed. The odor which it throws off is said by people living near by to be offensive.

Steps toward remedying these evils, the fact has been made public.

Warden Loses a Woman Prisoner.
Warden Mitchell, of the Hudson County Jail, has lost a woman prisoner. A squad of female convicts, who had been taken to the house each morning to do the laundry, were given by Dr. Currie, who stated that previous to the death of Sullivan's wife she said: "Don't give my baby to my husband, but give it to the State. I'll take the baby too." Mrs. Sullivan's body was covered with bruises.

Horse Jumped to Death.
Boonton, N. J., April 24.—Charles Leon and lost a horse valued at \$250 last evening. Leonard entered a store on Main street and tied the horse to the door of the establishment. When he came out the horse was broken, but patched. It was as best he could and started. The horse took fright, ran away, and did not stop running until he had leaped over the fence and into the water. The animal was drowned.

Road Inspector Menager Dead.
Paterson, N. J., April 24.—County Road Inspector Leffle S. Menager died at his home early this morning of pneumonia. He was forty-eight years old, and as a city official directed the establishment of many of Paterson's most important public works. He also superintended the building of a new bridge for the Paterson Water Company and the East Jersey Water Company.

Captain Joseph Richards Dead.
Bayonne, N. J., April 24.—Captain Joseph Richards died at Port Oran early this morning. Mr. Richards had been connected with the Mount Pleasant mine for thirty-five years, during fifteen of which he acted as superintendent.

JUMPS FROM A BRIDGE.

Notoriety Caused Mrs. Conover to Attempt Suicide in the Passaic.

She Had Been Arrested for Entering a Strange House in Belleville.

STRUGGLE WITH HER RESCUERS.

When Safe from Harm She Refused to Be Comforted and Says She Will Kill Herself Despite all the Police in the Country.

Belleville, N. J., April 24.—Mrs. Nettie Conover, who recently climbed through a window into the house of a citizen here and fell asleep in a spare bed, attempted suicide to-day because of the disgrace caused by her arrest.

She climbed to the rail of the Passaic bridge and plunged head foremost into the river. The splash of her body was heard by Conrad Voight and his son Nicholas. They ran to the river, and, jumping into a small boat, rowed out to the struggling woman. She fought them desperately and declared she wanted to die. Her resistance nearly overturned the small craft, but the men finally succeeded in pulling her into the boat.

Nicholas Voight had to hold the woman while the boat was being rowed to the shore. She made a number of ineffectual attempts to jump into the river again upon reaching the river bank, but was finally turned over to a policeman and will be tried by Justice La Fancher to-morrow.

Mrs. Conover is a pretty, black-eyed woman. She was formerly employed as a servant in the family of Justice Sanford. A few days ago she left her place at Sanford's and went to live with friends in the east end of town.

A few nights ago she went out with a male companion and drank some wine. Then she visited friends, and leaving her companion with the car, she returned home. This time she met another and more wine flowed freely.

Then the woman asked her friend to call upon her acquaintance on a side street. The couple arrived at the house long after midnight.

The house was dark and repeated ringings at the bell failed to bring any response. The woman, however, was determined to get into the house. She persuaded her friend to pry open a window facing the porch. After a struggle Mrs. Conover was lifted through the window, leaving her companion on the outside.

She made a lot of noise climbing the stairs, but the sleeping family was not aroused. She knocked at a number of doors, but failed to awaken any one. Then she entered a spare room, jumped into a bed with all her clothing on, and fell asleep.

Others who were asleep on the outside. He groined waiting and commenced to throw stones at the house and for his companion to join him. After ascertaining the cause of the row, a search was made for Mrs. Conover. She was found fast asleep among the clean sheets of the spare bed.

An officer was summoned and the couple arrested. They were fined for disorderly conduct. The arrest so preyed on Mrs. Conover's mind that she resolved to kill herself. She declared all the police in the country could not prevent her ending her life.

ARBOR DAY IN JERSEY.
School Children Plant Trees and Sing Patriotic Songs in All Parts of the State.

Throughout New Jersey yesterday there were exercises of Arbor Day. Trees and shrubs were planted, lectures on botany delivered, and the little ones revelled in flowers. Patriotic sentiment was instilled in the children, as well as the love of the beautiful, and in nearly every school the national flag was displayed and patriotic songs were sung.

In Newark the schoolhouses were gaily decorated, and the children planted trees and flowers in the yards. Literary exercises were held in the afternoon.

In Elizabeth the celebration was general among the school children, and the freshening of the high school planted three maples in the school grounds.

DISHONEST RED MEN CAUGHT.
Patterson Braves Turn Over to Justice Two Unworthy Brothers.

Paterson, N. J., April 24.—James Rowe, a bogus Red Man, was to-day sentenced by Judge Hopper to three years at hard labor in State prison for obtaining money from local members of the order on the plea that he was a brother brave in hard luck.

Rowe is from Wilmington, Del., and it is said he served a term of imprisonment in Philadelphia for defrauding Red Men there.

George Gurney, of Birmingham, Conn., is also a prisoner here for a similar offense. He was sentenced to three years in a county jail for defrauding the Wynant Tribe and there said he was in distress and wanted money to get him out of the State.

Members of the tribe questioned him, and concluding he was a fraud, escorted him to the police station.

Dover Republicans Nominate.
Dover, N. J., April 24.—The Republicans of this town have placed the following ticket in the field for the election on May 4: Recorder, Frederick H. Beach; Alderman, C. A. Mulligan; Councilmen, David Young, John Sparzo and Frank Prater. The ticket for one year in place of Edward L. Petty, resigned.

At their caucus to-night the Democrats nominated H. C. Brown, for town clerk, D. Smith, Recorder, C. A. Mulligan; Councilmen, John Stumpf, Barton Smith and P. O. Hogan, the last for one year.

Breeze Caused His Death.
Hackensack, N. J., April 24.—George Franz, a coachman in the employ of Alvah W. Brown, was suffocated by gas last night. He had been dead two or three hours when discovered this morning. He was twenty-three years old and recently came from Scotland, where all his kindred live. Franz had gone to bed, leaving the gas burning low. The wind, it is believed, blew it out during the night.

Jersey Letter Carriers in Luck.
An eight-hour law for letter carriers was passed about seven years ago, and is still in force. The office at Jersey City was short handed at the time and many of the men had to work extra hours. All died during the epidemic. The State banna & Western Railway has not issued any orders to bagmenmasters as yet. It has only sixteen miles of track in this State.

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POISON IN THEIR FOOD.

Was There an Attempt to Kill Van Horn and His Wife, at Little Silver?

Long Branch, N. J., April 24.—Joseph N. Van Horn and his wife are keeping house for Schenck Conover, a well-to-do farmer, residing at Little Silver, a short distance from this place. They sat down to their supper last night, and while eating detected an odd taste in some food. They paid but little attention to it at the time.

A few hours later they were both attacked with violent pains. They went to bed, and were suffering great agony. A physician was summoned to the Conover household at once.

Dr. W. H. Stoen, of this place, who is attending the couple, is of the opinion that they were poisoned by Paris green. How it got in their food is a mystery. Neither the Van Horns nor Mr. Conover have any one else living in a critical condition.

CURRIEN IS ACQUITTED.
When the Jury in the Murder Trial Renders its Verdict He Embraces His Weeping Parents.

Mays Landing, N. J., April 24.—It took a jury in the Atlantic County courts this afternoon just 30 minutes to acquit Harry S. Currien, who was charged with the murder of William H. Collins last February in Atlantic City.

When the jury stood before the bar and the foreman said "Not guilty," Currien jumped from his chair and embraced his aged parents, and brother and sister, who sat weeping a few feet away. Currien then heartily thanked every juror. Lizzie Ireland, the innocent cause of the trouble, wept for joy.

Currien was put on the stand in his own defense this morning. He testified that Collins made a lunge at him with a knife before he struck him with a hammer handle.

Policeman Lowder testified that Collins told him he would kill Currien and Lizzie Ireland. Currien's mother took the stand, and, between her sobs, said Harry was always a good boy.

Currien was immediately set free and accompanied his friends to his home.

IMPERSONATED AN OFFICER.
Staten Islander Sent to Jail for Thirty Days.

Grant City, S. I., April 24.—Justice Galloway's court was filled this evening when the case of William Stewart was called. Stewart stopped J. Sullivan, a junkman, on the Richmond road, last week and said he was an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and made a demand of the junkman.

Sullivan refused to comply and Stewart said he would place him under arrest. "I want to see your authority," said the junkman, and then Stewart struck him. A fight ensued and Stewart told Sullivan with some sharp instrument, Officer Elliot, of the Bergh Society, was notified, and put the society's case in Justice Acker's hands.

The jury was only out a few minutes and returned a verdict against the defendant. Justice Galloway gave him a severe reprimand and sentenced him to thirty days in the County Jail.

BIG ELECTRIC POWER SALE.
Erastus Wiman's Staten Island Plant Is to Change Hands.

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